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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR EASTLAND ASSISTED LIVING, INC.

EASTLAND, TEXAS, August 31, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced Eastland Assisted Living, Inc. will receive a \$5,200,000 loan through the agency's Community Facilities Program. The funds will be used to construct a 44-bed assisted living facility consisting of studio, one bedroom, private and semi-private Alzheimer units.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents in rural Texas," Daniel said. "With the help of the agency's Community Facilities Program, Eastland Assisted Living, Inc. will be able to provide an attractive, functional, well-furnished assisted living complex for the citizens of Eastland."

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs provide means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's community programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 households in the process.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Brownwood office at (325) 643-1585 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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